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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Christopher L. BOYD et al.

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**

Application Serial No.: 09/127,483

Examiner: Tsegaye, S.

Filing Date: July 31, 1998

Group Art Unit: 2662

Attorney Docket No.: 09710-1131

Client Docket No.: RIC-97-118



For: METHOD AND APPARATUS USING ENHANCED ATTACHMENT FOR IMPROVED
CONNECTIVITY IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER NOV 07 2002

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. **Technology Center 2600**

FEE CALCULATION	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREV. PAID FOR	NO. OF EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	29	MINUS	29	0	\$18	\$ 0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	5	MINUS	5	0	\$84	\$ 0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of <u>July 30, 2002</u> to and through <u>October 29, 2002</u> , for an extension of: <input type="checkbox"/> One month (\$110) <input type="checkbox"/> Two months (\$400) <input type="checkbox"/> Three months (\$920) <input type="checkbox"/> Four months (\$1440)						\$ 0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE DUE:						\$ 0.00

- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR § 1.27.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ Payment of \$ ___ by Credit Card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.
- ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account _____, including any filing fees under 37 CFR § 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17

I hereby certify that this correspondence and all correspondence identified as accompanying this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on October 29, 2002.

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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action of July 30, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the outstanding rejections in view of the following remarks:

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested. Claims 1-23 are pending.

The final Office Action mailed July 30, 2002 rejected claims 1-20 as obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103 based on *Von Hammerstein et al.* (US 6,292,495) in view of *White et al.* (US 6,069,890), and claims 21-23 as obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103 based on *Von Hammerstein et al.* in view of *Koepper et al.* (US 5,805,690).